GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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KARGIL AIRPORT
SRINIVASULU KALAVA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government have decided to hand over Kargil Airport to the Defence Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether civilian traffic would be adversely affected by this decision; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b) :- Yes, Sir. Due to strategic location of Kargil near the Indo-Pak border, the operational control of Kargil airport has been handed over to the Ministry of Defence (Indian Air Force) by Airports Authority of India (AAI).

(c) & (d) :- No, Sir, Indian Air Force (IAF) have decided to start their flights for civil passengers in their aircraft from Jammu and Srinagar to Kargil, for which AAI has extended all necessary assistance.